

# Mayor and City Council Agenda Item Request

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**Meeting Date:** 4/2/2013

**Type:** Presentation

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**Call to Podium:**

Doug Wolf, Environmental Affairs Committee Co-Chair

**Agenda Item Title:**

Proclamation of the Mayor and City Council Designating April 2-10, 2013 as "Gaithersburg Green Week" and April 9, 2013, as "Arbor Day" in the City of Gaithersburg

**Responsible Staff and Department:**

Meredith Strider, Environmental Specialist, Planning and Code Administration

**Desired Outcome from Council:**

Issue Proclamation

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### **Supporting Background Information:**

Throughout Green Week, Gaithersburg hosts a series of activities to celebrate and improve the environment, including environmental awards, cleanups, planting projects, and family events.

Accepting the proclamation is Doug Wolf of the City's Environmental Affairs Committee, who will announce the week's planned activities:

- The annual Environmental Awards Ceremony was held earlier this evening at City Hall. The Mayor and City Council and the Environmental Affairs Committee presented awards to businesses, nonprofits, schools, churches, and homeowners associations that are working to improve our environment.
- At Environmental Film Night on Thursday, April 4th, at 7 p.m., the Environmental Affairs Committee presents a special free screening of the film "People of a Feather," a feature documentary which tells the story of seven winters spent in the Arctic in the world of the Inuit on the isolated Belcher Islands in Hudson Bay. The film connects past, present and future in the Inuits' unique cultural relationship with the eider duck. Please join us at the Kentlands Stadium 10 Theater.
- During Make a Difference Day on Friday, April 5th, residents are encouraged to use less and do more for the environment. Suggestions on ways to make a positive difference can be found on the City's website.
- Community Green Up Day will be held on Saturday, April 6th, from 9 a.m. until noon. Join hundreds of volunteers as they join the City at clean-ups and planting projects at Central Avenue, Hidden Creek, Kentlands, Lakelands, Lakelands Ridge, Malcolm King Park, St. Martin's Church, Victory Farm Park, Washingtonian Towns, Washingtonian Woods, and Woods at Muddy Branch. This year's cleanup also coincides with the Potomac River Watershed Cleanup, with volunteers across our region joining together to keep trash out of our streams and rivers.
- Gaithersburg's Arbor Day Celebration will be held at Fields Road Elementary School on Tuesday, April 9th, where the City will receive its 24th annual Tree City USA award, and Mayor Katz will donate a tree to the school.
- On Wednesday, April 10th, volunteers from the City's youth centers will participate in a Youth Service Project. Students will perform a beautification project at one of the City's parks.

For a complete list of activities during Green Week, please visit our website at [www.gaithersburgmd.gov](http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov).